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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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REPORT FROM IHF ON TEAM`S DEBACLE IN WORLD CUP AT KUALA LUMPUR
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked for the report from the IHF for the hockey team`s debacle in the World Cup at Kuala Lumpur;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to fix accountability for such debacle;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of various sports in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In its preliminary report, Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) has indicated the following reasons for the poor performance of the Indian team during the World Cup held in Kuala Lumpur:

(i) Tactical mistake of not playing the right system against the Asian teams.
Players were not made to play in the right positions in the first four matches.

(ii) Poor goalkeeping

(iii) lacking in consistency and unity in approach.

However, IHF has been asked to send a comprehensive report covering all aspects.

(c) & (d) : Further action, if any, will be considered on receipt of complete report from the IHF.

(e) The promotion of any sports is primarily the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federations which are registered societies and autonomous in their functioning. However, Govt. supplements their efforts by providing assistance to NSFs for various sports activities under the scheme of Assistance to NSFs.